(c) The problems have since been tackled and over the last few weeks the progress has improved .

(d) The tunnel is expected to be completed by December, 97.

Issue of Complementary Railway Passes

337. SHRI L. RAMANA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased ot state :

(a) the number of new complementary Railway Passes issued during the last one year;

(b) the categories of people to whom they have issued;

(c) Whether any specific guidelines have been laid down as to the consideration on which the complementary passes should be issued; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) (i) No. of card passes issued during 1996-97 : 42,086

(including passes issued to Freedom Fighters)

(ii) No. of Cheque Passes issued during 1996-97 : 6168

(b)

S.No.	Categories of people to whom issued
A.	Card passes
1.	Freedom Fighters (cost borne by Ministry of Home Affairs)
2.	Former Minister of Railways/Former Minister of State for Railways/Dy.Minister for Railways.
3.	Former Members of Parliament
4.	Arjuna Awardees. Olympic Medalists. Asian and Commonwealth Gold Medalists .
5.	Recipients of Chakra series of Gallantry Awards (Defence)
6.	Recipients of Presidents' Police Medal for Gallantry and police Medal for Gallantry (Police)
7.	Presidents/Secretaries of National Sports Federation of India, Indian Olympic Association and State Olympic association affiliated to IOA.
8.	Eminent persons & organisations engaged in social, cultural, educational, sports and welfare activities at MR's discretion.
B.	Cheque passes for specific journeys as per guidelines.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In regard to category 8, Complementary Card Passes are issued at the personal discretion of the minister of Railways, to eminent persons and organisations engaged in social , cultural, educational, sports and welfare activities and on compassionate/medical ground. Other categories are self explanatory. Besides, cheque passes for specific journeys, are issued in deserving cases on compassionate/ medical grounds etc. with the approval of Minister of Railways or Minister of State for Railway or Members of Railway Board .

Construction of Hostel in Delhi

338. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any plan to construct hostel for its Non-Gazetted Employees working in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) the Government have no plan to construct hostel specifically for its Non-gazetted Employees working in Delhi.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a).

Survey for Rangiya-Mukongselek Rail Line

339. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether preliminary survey for construction of the B.G. line from Rangiya to Mukongselek has been undertaken; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes,Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of Peddapalli-Karimnagar-Nizamabad Rail Line

340. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of Peddapalli- Karimnagar-Nizamabad railway line in Andhra Pradesh has been delayed;